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SUBJ: RIFT VALLE FEVER (RVF) CHOLERA REPORT

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1. SUMMARY; MARU CAPT WATTEN, SCIATT AND DR MORENS, HEW/
CDC, MET WITH MINHEALTH BADRAN AND UNDERSEC FOR PREVENTIVE
MEDICINE, DR EL AKKAD NOV 28 TO DISCUSS EPIDEMIC SITUATION
AND RECENT FINDINGS. MIN AND SAID RVF CONTINUES TO DIMIN-
ISH AND THAT CHOLERA REPORT REMAINS NEGATIVE. END SUMMARY

2. DURING DISCUSSION MIN ASKED ABOUT PERSISTENCE OF VIRUS
AND CHANCE FOR RVF RECURRING HERE. DR MORENS SAID VIRUS
NORMALLY PERSISTS RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD IN HUMANS AND AN-
IMALS BUT CAN REMAIN VIABLE IN MOSQUITOES FOR LIFETIME,
OF 40-80 DAYS; LEADING TO POSSIBILITY OF LATER OUTBREAKS,
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PARTICULARLY DURING SPRING AND AUTUMN MOSQUITO "PEAK PERIODS".
DR WATTEN NOTED THAT SIX NAMRU PERSONNEL, FIVE OF WHOM HAVING
HAD DIRECT EXPOSURE TO INFECTED ANIMALS IN FIELD, HAD CON-
TRACTED DISEASE BUT WERE IN NO DANGER (SICKNESS USUALLY LAST
2-4 DAYS).

3. CAPT WATTEN GIVE MIN USAMRIID HANDBOOKS ON VACCINE PRE-

PARATION. DR BADRAN SAID THEY WOULD BE STUDIED BY DR AL AKKAD AND THEN TURNED OVER TO DR IMAM ZAGHLOUL DIR CENTRAL VACCINE INSTITUTE. HE REQUESTED THAT 3000 DOSES OF RVF VACCINE BROUGHT BY MAJ PETERS USAMRIID (MINUS FEW DOSES RETAINED FOR NAMRU DIRECT CONTACT PERSONNEL) ALSO BE TURNED OVER TO DR ZAGHLOUL. (WE HAD SENSED SOME POSSIBLE BUREACRATIC RIVALRIES AT LOWER MOH LEVELS AT THIS POINT). MIN WAS ADVISED OF POSSIBILITY OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE DOSES BECOMING AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR FOR HIGH RISK PERSONS.

4. DR BADRAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH OUTBREAK WANING GOE WOULD CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE INSECT CONTROL AS PRIMARY PREVENTIVE APPROACH; SINCE VACCINATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ONLY LIMITED NUMBERS OF HUMANS AND ANIMALS; IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE EGYPT COULD PRODUCE EITHER VACCINE. FOR NEAR TERM AVAILABLE VACCINE WOULD BE GIVEN TO HIGH RISK LAB AND FIELD PERSONNEL AND, PERHAPS LATER IF MORE DOSES AVAILABLE, TO ABBATOIR WORKERS. MIN WAS ADVISED OF PRODUCTION OF ANIMAL VACCINE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND KENYA. COORDINATION WITH WHO WAS SUGGESTED; WHICH WAS AGREED. DR AL AKKAD SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WHO ALREADY.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, DR AL AKKAD SAID MALATHION WAS EXCLUSIVE INSECTICIDE NOW BEING USED. IT WAS BEING SPRAYED AND PAINTED ON WALLS, FENCES, ETC. CONCENTRATIONS WERE GENERALLY 2-5 PERCENTS; ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY HIGHER IN SPRAYING OF INSECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BREEDING AREAS. MALATHION USED WAS SAID TO BE LOCALLY PRODUCED.

6. SOME MOH OFFICIALS HAVE RECENTLY DISPLAYED CONCERN ABOUT PUBLICITY AND RELEASE OF INFO ON RVF EPIDEMIC FYI: DISEASE HAS STILL NOT BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED BY MOH AS RVF; ALTHOUGH SOME NON-MOH PHYSICIANS ARE AWARE OF IDENTIFICATION. RVF IS REFERRED TO IN PRESS AS PUBLICLY BY MIN AS "DENGUE-LIKE FEVER" - ENDY FYI. DR WATTEN TOLD MIN THAT MOH COULD REVIEW ANY PROPOSED OPEN LITERATURE NAMRU PUBLICATION. MIN WAS HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE OF NAMRU AND OTHER USG EFFORTS AND SUPPORT. HE ASSURED NAMRU OF CONTINUED ACCESS TO FIELD FOR RVF STUDIES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOH.

7. RE CHOLERA, MIN SAID THAT THERE WERE STILL NO REPORTED ACTIVE CASES IN EGYPT WITH TWO MORE WEEKS TO GO IN CRITICAL REASON OF PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA AND MEDINA; HOWEVER TWO MORE CARRIERS HAD BEEN TURNED UP IN AIRPORT QUARANTINE AND TESTS. THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN SENT TO ABBASSIYA FEVER HOSPITAL. FYI: ALTHOUGH MIN USES TERM "CARRIERS", SOME PRESS REPORTS HAVE REFERRED TO SEVERAL ACTIVE CASES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES INTERCEPTED AT PORTS OF ENTRY AND HOSPITALIZED. END FYI.

8. SOME WHO OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE PHYSICANS HERE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO CASES OCCURRING IN EGYPT; HOWEVER, ALL AGREE THAT OCCURANCES, IF ANY, HAVE BEEN AMAZINGLY LOW WITH NO DEATHS REPORTED IN EGYPT, ALTHOUGH SOME CASES POSSIBLY HAVE GONE UNVARIFIED. MIN HAS RECEIVED, WE THINK, JUSTIFIABLE HIGH PRAISE.

9. BADRAN SUCCESS CAN BE RELATED TO STRINGENT MEASURES TAKEN, E.G. MANDATORY ADMINISTRATION OF PROPHYLATIC DOSES OF TETACYCLINE TO MANY TRAVLERS ENTERING EGYPT FROM AFFECTED AREAS AND STRICT QUARANTINE (REFTEL). HE AND HIS WIFE THEMSELVES INSISTING ON GOING INTO QUARANTINE UPON THEIR RETURN FROM PILGRIMAGE LAST WEEK.
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